

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF  
PENNSYLVANIA, THE SUPREME  
COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE  
BLAIR COUNTY COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS, THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT OF  
COMMON PLEAS, and THE  
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COURT  
OF COMMON PLEAS,  
Defendants.

CIVIL NO. 2:22-cv-00709-MSG

**JOINT MOTION TO DISMISS**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2) and in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement attached as Exhibit “A,” the United States, the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania, the Blair County Court of Common Pleas, the Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas, the Jefferson County Court of Common Pleas, and the Northumberland County Court of Common Pleas jointly move to dismiss this civil action without costs to any party and without prejudice to any claim by any party for breach of the Agreement. *See* Ex. A at ¶¶ 29–30.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this date I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Joint Motion to Dismiss to be served via Electronic Case Filing (ECF) upon the following:

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